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**Subject:** FW: Stockholm Convention: OPPT Senior Scientist available?  
**Attachments:** UV-328 Proposal UNEP-POPS-POPRC.16-4\_In comments.docx; DP Risk Profile UNEP-POPS-POPRC.16-2\_In comments.docx; UNEP-POPS-COP-CONVTEXT-D.En.pdf; UNEP-POPS-POPRC.16-INF-14.English.docx

Todd,

Good evening! I am making you the POC for OPPT for this request moving forward. Please talk to tala about it...it should be limited review/time spent on it, Tala has the details.

Thanks!

Yvette

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**From:** Siciliano, CarolAnn <Siciliano.CarolAnn@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2020 7:19 PM  
**To:** Collazo Reyes, Yvette <CollazoReyes.Yvette@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Stockholm Convention: OPPT Senior Scientist available?

Yvette – Last week, I mentioned to you OPS’ need for a senior OPPT scientist who would be available to review scientific material arising in international contexts. I appreciated our conversation. In advance of our next Biweekly conversation (Tuesday December 1 at 1:30 pm), I wanted to send to you the documents we’d like OPPT to look at. You’ll get a sense for their length and the kind of comments our international folks flag for an OPPT scientist’s consideration.

Perhaps this will help you decide whether to designate an OPPT Senior Scientist to provide technical advice to us by COB Tuesday Dec. 8. Otherwise, we will count on Tala!

During our conversation, I mentioned that the United States ( = EPA) participates in the Stockholm Convention Conference of the Parties as a fairly influential Government Observer. In that role, EPA works to ensure that the Convention is implemented as intended.

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absolutely needs OPPT....

Most relevant right now is the impending Stockholm decision whether to list certain chemicals for elimination or restriction, along with any exemptions. As you appreciate, that decision would directly affect our stakeholders, who look to EPA to bring a science-based and procedural focus both to the meetings of the POPRC (the Convention’s Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee) and to the Conference of the Parties.

I know OPPT scientists have many demands on their time. And the Stockholm Convention listings matter to our domestic stakeholders. I would really appreciate it if OPPT could help with technical review of new listing proposals and risk profiles.

For the next POPRC meeting taking place the week of January 11, there is one new listing proposal and one risk profile to review. These are attached. The listing proposal is especially important to review according to the Convention's screening criteria because it is for a high production volume UV absorber used in plastics (UV-328) –

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My staff – Laura Nazef (formerly of OPPT) and Karissa Kovner have done an initial review of the new listing proposal and the risk profile (for Dechlorane Plus, which passed the initial proposal screening step last year).

**Our request:** It would be very helpful if you could designate a senior scientist to spend a few hours to look at these documents (each is 20-30 pages) and confirm or resolve the concerns we have raised and identify additional issues. And ideally, that same individual could be a point of contact for reviewing proposals and risk profiles in the future. In recent years there has been one new proposal and one risk profile to review for the annual POPRC meeting – and the draft risk profiles are also made available for review during the period between meetings.

**Timing:** We are looking for OPPT's thoughts no later than COB Tuesday December 8. (We need to draft a position paper in early December for interagency clearance, so that's our latest possible date.) As I mentioned, we engaged Tala a few weeks ago, but I can't imagine the demands on her time. Perhaps a mid-level senior scientist could help in her stead? ORD has been actively helping us, but that's no substitute for OPPT. Thanks for helping EPA carry its necessary weight.

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